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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES - 1974-75 IREX SCHOLAR PAUL SHAPIRO

1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONSULT WITH JOHN MATTHEWS AT IREX AND CIES TO DETERMINE SUITABILITY NOMINATING IREX SCHOLAR PAUL SHAPIRO TO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HERE AS FULBRIGHT RESEARCHER FOR PERIOD MAY 1 - OCTOBER 31, 1975. ESSENTIALLY, EMBASSY WOULD NOMINATE SHAPIRO UNDER ARTICLE I (1) TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF UNUSED FUNDS AVAILABLE AT MINISTRY TO SUPPORT TEN U.S. RESEARCHERS. SHAPIRO, UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, WOULD NOT EXPECT U.S. DOLLAR STIPEND.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT BACKGROUND, SHAPIRO HAS BEEN IREX SCHOLAR HERE SINCE SEPTEMBER 1973. HE IS WORKING ON PHD DISSERTATION FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN "ROMANIAN-GERMAN RELATIONS SINCE 1930." SHAPIRO'S ACCESS TO RESEARCH ARCHIVES AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF CONTINUING DISCUSSION IN RECENT MONTHS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND SENIOR GOR OFFICIALS INCLUDING DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA. IT NOW APPEARS, FOLLOWING A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' DECISION, THAT SHAPIRO WILL BE GRANTED ACCESS TO THIS MATERIAL FOR HIS RESEARCH OVER COMING MONTHS AS DOCUMENTS ARE CLEARED BY MINISTRY FOR HIS REPLY.

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3. SHAPIRO HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL EXTENSION BEYOND

MAY 1 GRANT TERMINATION DATE FROM IREX ALTHOUGH, ACCORDING TO LATEST MATTHEWS LETTER IT APPEARS THAT IREX QUOTA OF MAN-MONTHS HAS BEEN COMMITTED. MATTHEWS PLANS DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH SHAPIRO AND AUTHORITIES HERE DURING MID-APRIL TRIP TO ROMANIA. GIVEN SHORTNESS OF TIME BETWEEN MATTHEWS VISIT AND MAY 1, SHAPIRO HAS ASKED US TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT ARRANGEMENT IF NO IREX POSSIBILITY EXISTS. EMBASSY SUPPORTS SHAPIRO'S REQUEST IN LIGHT OF IMPLICATIONS HIS RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR FUTURE U.S. SCHOLARS HERE AND ON BASIS OF RECORD HIS PERFORMANCE HERE AS IREX SCHOLAR. BARNES

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